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The Weather. Washington, May 4.—Forecast: South Carolina: Local showers and Wednesday.

To be unpopular with some folks is to be right.

Our advice to the state democratic convention—Be good.

Sometimes an eye-opener can come in a pretty dry way.

If your business is run down, wind it up with a little advertising.

When women fish for compliments these days, they use a two line.

Be prepared for a tidal wave to re-surge when it rushes in shore.

If Mister Carranza doesn't look out—General Funston will await him with a cobra's hair.

The woods are beginning to be full of candidates, and the picnic and the barbecue are on the way.

Chances are, however, that nobody will suffer acutely with ennui at the coming U. C. state convention.

The war having petered out, as they would say up in Spartanburg, the congress has gone back to its habits.

In the meantime, don't forget to grow deep this year, even if the candidate of your choice does come around often.

There is nothing secret about the Holland government, says a New York newspaper. Certainly not; isn't its ruler a queen?

Good bye Lincoln G. Diekey. This old town surely does regret to part with you. Good bye and good luck, and don't forget the way back.

Oklahomans are now living in the tops of trees on account of the floods. In about two months they will be shipping in drinking water from Missouri.

Instead of holding wakes over the utilities franchise, we should be waking up to the necessity for good streets. The dust tax in this place is getting heavy.

The Mexican war having gone in a hole and the cabinet having convinced the public that it is happy, the poor news editor cannot be blamed for mulling in his tent.

We have never enthused overly much about this naval program to build the biggest battleships ever, since a gent by the name of John Paul Jones did what he did with three old tubs.

We don't blame Marietta Gaway a bit. If he had been trying to get in the date lines ever since the war, and failed until it came near mobbing a etc., you.

A number of "refugees" arrived in New Orleans Sunday and having found out that the government was to quit hearing them about and reading their petitions, they immediately joined the "Bread" movement.

You can't get information, just plenty of it, from almost any girl's club, says the renowned Greenville News, but whenever most of an interview the girl's club we are too busy asking other questions to find out much in the remote line.

ENDORSED WILSON

Anderson county endorsed Woodrow Wilson's administration as president and passed no other resolutions. The matter of regulating the primary was not discussed. We trust that the delegation to the state convention, which goes with its hands free on that question will act conservatively and for the interests of all the people.

If the primary rules need changing, it is with regard to detail rather than to scope. Let every man's ballot be made worth something to him, and let every white man be given a chance to vote. Repeating and using the votes of non-residents might require some legislation in some parts of the state, although we are not prepared to admit even that much for Anderson county. We believe the people of this county can be trusted to hold fair elections.

The resolutions passed by the convention yesterday were introduced by ex-Senator John K. Hood and declared: "Be it resolved by the Democratic convention of Anderson county, that the very faithful and efficient administration of our national affairs by President Wilson and his party associates in all branches of the government is hereby heartily commended and endorsed."

Resolved further, that our senators are hereby urged to support the president in his efforts to repeal the law providing for toll exemption through the Panama canal to any ship owners, and that we approve the time honored democratic principle of opposing subsidy for ship owners in any form.

That the delegates to the state democratic convention are hereby instructed to support resolutions similar to these in that convention.

That the chairman and secretary of this convention are hereby directed to immediately forward certified copies of these resolutions to the president of the United States, to the United States senators from this state and to members of congress from this state.

QUIRY AS CHARGED

In the editorial columns of this paper Sunday we appealed to the public of this city not to be trapped into a position of unkindness to the Southern Public Utilities Company. This company has not yet spoken to the public, has not denied the misleading reports that have assiduously been fed to the people from some source or other. In this article we used the expression:

There appears to be a determined effort to discredit the Southern Public Utilities Company by having it assume an aggressive attitude that would make it offensive to the people of Anderson. A careful reading of the letter of Pres. Z. V. Taylor, published in these columns some days ago and shows that he appealed to the school trustees to protect his company, as certain misleading statements had emanated as coming from the board and had not been sealed in the same manner.

The local afternoon paper yesterday in an editorial railing at the Southern Public Utilities Company says:

It is the most unpopular concern that has ever done business in this city, not excepting the Southern Express Company. This matter is going to be the issue in the city campaign now opening up. There is no use trying to side step it; and we predict that it will result in a much stronger sentiment for municipal ownership than now exists.

Recurring to our editorial and questioning statement: If there is, as there appears to be a direct effort being made to discredit and make unpopular this public service company, the people should look for the deep underlying cause. And so we have the gist of the whole matter. There had to be a political campaign this year.

THE HUMBLE GOOBER

The peanut has grown into great favor in the last few years. For awhile it was regarded as the daily ration of politicians, whittling clubs and the like, but there has been discovered that the humble "goober" has nutritious value and that it is a good thing to have on the farm, growing readily in favor in almost any kind of soil.

Now that the south is being appealed to as the section which must help solve the great problem of this country, as western ranches are playing out on account of drought, the raising of hogs may in a few years become a regular industry. And there is nothing that helps more than the peanut.

A recent dispatch from Dallas, Texas, says: "The Industrial Congress of this state is urging the farmer to grow peanut crops for hog feed. It has the advantages of being a very cheap product and makes a better feed than the soil. Corn is a very exacting crop, requiring plenty of rain, drawing heavily upon the soil fertility, is subject to insect pests and plant diseases, and requires to be harvested at considerable expense of labor and money. The peanut is a drought resistant, making good yields when corn withers in the fields; it requires less

cultivation than corn, and has few insect enemies. And the hog will do his own harvesting, digging up the ground while rooting for the nuts.

HE IS OPPOSED TO IT

Mr. McConnell has Not Signed Petition asking for Pardon of Vernon.

Editor The Intelligencer: I see in the columns of your paper of May 2nd, that the friends of J. H. Vernon are circulating a petition for his pardon and that the prosecutor in the case was lending his assistance to securing the pardon. That statement is false.

I will not sign a petition or lend any assistance to any furthered that criminal. Let me say premittated there are men in Anderson who have received money and have gone to the governor and had them turned loose, and I suppose that will be the way with J. H. Vernon, the notorious cotton thief who rode over the county in daylight, spotted the cotton, then went back under the cover of night, took the cotton, six bales and had the plans laid to get four more and would have got them had he not been caught, and locked up. And now men are signing a petition to turn him loose.

When I sign a petition of that kind or do anything to turn a criminal loose, tell me that I am not fit to be a citizen of Anderson county.

J. N. S. McConnell, Anderson, S. C., May 4. (The reporter who wrote the story referred to, saw the petition handed to a gentleman in this town with the statement made as quoted. As to the case itself we know nothing, except that Mr. McConnell states that there are other indictments pending against Vernon, Editor of The Intelligencer.)

MR. SMITH'S COMMENT

Declares that no Blessie Men were Elected to the State Convention.

Kurtz P. Smith, solicitor for this circuit and a supporter of Gov. Blessie, last night made the following statement with reference to the work of the county convention held here Monday:

"At the convention held here Monday to the state convention were elected fairly and honestly. No ruse or trick or subterfuge or sag rule—in keeping with the action of the convention two years ago, was resorted to in selecting the delegates to the state convention. There were only five men of the 22 nominated who were supporters of Governor Blessie, yet all five of these men were defeated. These five men are as clean and high toned citizens and democrats as can be found in Anderson county, or anywhere within the state, yet because they are supporters of Gov. Blessie they are not considered fit representatives to the state convention, and certainly the only charge that can be brought against them is that they are supporters of the governor."

"So far as the friends of Gov. Blessie in this county are concerned, they have no complaint to make of the action of the county convention, but to those who have been declaring for "peace and harmony" who have been saying "so away with factional politics and do not draw factional lines," I wish to say that the opponents of Governor Blessie have first drawn the lines and it will not be in their power to complain if the lines are drawn and the voters rally to the cause of Gov. Blessie and his friends."

"I have given this question the best thought of which I am capable and I can see no way to bring it before the courts except by a discontinuance of your service. This will give you an opportunity of applying for an injunction and the matter will then be squarely presented for final determination."

PARTY HARMONY IS THE SLOGAN

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restricting the primary were features of the Greenwood county convention today.

The following delegates were elected: L. A. Moore, M. G. Bowles, M. Higgins, R. T. Strom, G. C. Stewart, W. H. Nicholson, H. C. Tillman and R. B. Hinton. The motion to restrict the primary was warmly debated but was carried.

Pickens Convention. Pickens, May 4.—Pickens county democratic convention was largely attended, enthusiastic and harmonious. W. T. O'Dell was made president and G. E. Norris chairman. Delegates to the state convention are C. L. Cureton, R. F. Smith, G. R. Doyle, W. T. O'Dell, D. W. Hott and J. N. Morgan. No supporters of Governor Blessie elected delegates to the state convention.

Newberry Convention. Newberry, May 4.—The democratic convention was in session only forty minutes and everything passed off pleasantly not a contest or protest or unkind word. The anti-Blessie delegate were in a large majority. The Blessie delegates made no nomination for delegates to state convention or for any office. Governor Blessie was present at the convention, though he had been elected a delegate.

Hartsville Convention. Hartsville, May 4.—The county convention by ballot elected a solid anti-administration delegation of eight to the state convention and voted down a resolution favoring the county to county canvass.

Adopted resolutions, instructing delegates to work for an amendment to the constitution which would prohibit indulging in personalities and to reform the rules so as to prevent fraud. The convention was entirely harmonious, administration advocates being outnumbered about two to one. A resolution endorsing Wilson's administration was adopted.

AT FAIRVIEW CHURCH

A Play Will be Given Evening of May 14 by the Ladies of the Church.

A play will be given at Fair View Church Saturday evening May 16 at 8:30 by the Ladies Aid Society of that church. The public is invited to attend. Free will offerings will be made at the door, and proceeds will go to furnish postage.

PRES. Z. V. TAYLOR'S PROPOSITION

The local afternoon paper Saturday printed an extract from the letter of Z. V. Taylor, president of the Southern Utilities company to the board of trustees, which letter we are informed was never given a reply. As only portions of the letter were published in the afternoon paper, we present the complete letter that the public may be informed as to the beginning of the attack on the company.

"Sometime ago, at least one month, my attention was called to an article appearing in one of our daily papers to the effect that the board of school trustees in the city of Anderson had refused to pay a bill for service rendered by the Southern Public Utilities Company on the ground that it was void and of no force and effect. This was a matter of such seriousness that I immediately went to Anderson and there our local manager informed me that the matter had been referred to the attorneys for our company and the attorneys for the board of trustees and that it would be amicably settled within a few days.

"I have waited patiently for some relief from our board on this matter in order that our franchise might be under the terms of our franchise was required to spend in the city of Anderson in improvements of our power system alone a sum in excess of \$25,000, the expenditure of which does not produce a single penny of the increased revenue, but is to be made solely for the benefit of the city and its citizens. You can readily see, therefore, if the contention is to be made that our franchise is null and void, common sense to us requires that this contention shall be disposed of before we expend the sum of money."

"In addition to this we are offering for sale our securities all over this country to investors who are innocent of any supposed defects in our franchise and fair dealing with them requires that this be settled and settled at once for finally they are no parties to this controversy and should not be made to suffer on account of it."

"The franchises of a public service corporation must be above suspicion as to its legality, and I, therefore, find myself forced to take such steps in the event this position above asserted to is insisted upon, as will definitely settle the matter for all time."

"As above indicated, I have waited patiently, because I did not desire to do anything which might be the subject of criticism or to place myself in the attitude of depriving the schools of Anderson of water and gas on the other hand, you cannot but see that I am forced, in common justice to our selves and our security holders, to take such action as will determine whether or not we have any rights in your city."

"I have given this question the best thought of which I am capable and I can see no way to bring it before the courts except by a discontinuance of your service. This will give you an opportunity of applying for an injunction and the matter will then be squarely presented for final determination."

Political Crisis In England Over the Army Resignations

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Several officers resigned rather than serve under people with whom they thoroughly sympathized. They were replaced by the war council, while action was revolutionized by Premier Asquith. This led to the resignation of Secretary of War Asquith, by John French, commander in chief of the army, and others. King George's name was brought into the picture. The second day a type of British infantry serving in Iceland, King George (the late) and Premier Asquith, who took over the control of the war effort.

nation. I regret to adopt this method, as some may be so unjust as to take the position that our corporation is attempting to deprive the schools of Anderson of water, but I feel that you are fair minded enough to see the purpose for which this has been done and to realize that under these conditions it is the only thing that we can do.

"If you desire, and will in writing, accept this letter as a refusal, on our part, to deliver you water without compensation on and after Thursday, April 30, 1914, and will agree to bring your action at once, we will not discontinue the service but proceed on the assumption of its discontinuance otherwise, however, the service will be discontinued on the date above indicated.

"The question here presented is not the simple question of the payment of a bill insignificant in amount, but the question raised by the board, is one that strikes at the very life of our organization and I must insist that it be determined definitely and beyond peradventure or abandonment."

ANDERSON MEN APPROVE PLAN

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The State Board of health to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the betterment and protection of the public health of the people of South Carolina; did promulgate and issue the following regulation, which supersedes regulation 2 set forth in circular No. 2 issued April 26, 1914:

"Regulation 2—All flour in the process of manufacture that has been subjected to any treatment whereby it is bleached, or its natural color changed in any manner through chemical action, must be clearly and conspicuously labeled on the package to show this fact."

"The statement on the label must contain the word 'bleached' in capital letters of some type not less than one inch in height, and this word must be followed immediately by words (in smaller type if desired) stating clearly the process used in bleaching or other treatment. The following statements illustrate wording to be used: 'Bleached by Chlorine,' 'Electrically Bleached,' 'This regulation shall take effect July 1, 1914.'

"Notice is further given that under the provisions of the code requiring the inspectors of this department to enforce the pure food and drug law of the state and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder the inspectors of this department have been instructed to strictly enforce this regulation. All manufacturers, jobbers, agents, merchants or other persons offering for sale any goods in violation of this regulation are notified that on and after July 1, 1914, any stocks found in this state, offered for sale, will be dealt with according to law, as will also those offering such stocks for sale."

Advertisement for B.D. Cranst Co. oxford shoes. Includes text: 'Your feet need our oxfords. You may pay whatever price you please here for oxfords from \$3.50 to \$6. We will match your price with extreme value in fit, style and good leather. Snow's oxfords \$3.50. H. and F. oxfords \$4. Our special oxford at \$5 is a real wonder for quality. For the most critical we have Hanan's bench-made oxfords at \$5.50 and \$6; the highest point of shoe excellence.' Includes an illustration of a man sitting at a desk.

Advertisement for Columbia Tailoring Co. Includes text: 'Consider Carefully The question of WHERE SHALL I BUY MY NEXT SUIT? Look where you will—then closely examine our extensive line of fabrics at \$13.50 per suit, \$18.00 per suit, 15.00, 20.00, 16.50, 22.50. We will leave it to you—You'll easily decide, as COLUMBIA CLOTHES are without equal. Columbia Tailoring Co. L. G. Dozier, Mgr. 122 W. Whitner St. Anderson, S. C.' Includes an illustration of a man in a suit and the Columbia Tailoring Co. logo.